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President Stimpert: Year One

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Larry Stimpert is not good at standing around. When Southern Railway's workers went on strike, Stimpert—who was in management at the time—rolled up his sleeves and got to work throwing switches out on the tracks. Dan Johnson, a longtime friend and colleague of Stimpert at Colorado College, remembers when Stimpert helped lay rock in his backyard "just because he was over." Eager to get started as president over the summer, Stimpert sold his 26-year old Jeep Wrangler, packed his things into a U-Haul van, made the 600-mile drive from Indiana and moved into his new home by himself. "I think for Larry it's partly not work," Johnson explains. "It's almost part of his genetic coding."

If not genetics, Stimpert's compulsion to get his hands dirty likely stems from his time growing up on a farm in Illinois. Long removed from the family farm, now nestled comfortably in Middlecourt—home to every Hampden-Sydney president sine 1939—his 'doer' mentality is still very much intact.

While waiting for dinner to be ready on a quiet Wednesday night, Stimpert is determined to find something he can do to help Leslie—his wife of 24 years—prepare dinner. He eventually gets his way, as Mrs. Stimpert takes a break to ask me about school. Midway through the conversation, she turns back to her husband to see if he needs any help. With a big grin on his face, the farm boy turned college president assures her he had it covered.

"As long as Max sees that I'm making everything."

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Stimpert was the first in his family to go to college—Illinois Wesleyan, a small liberal arts college twelve miles down the road from where he lived. At first, he planned on being a piano major, before ultimately deciding on econ. "I went twelve miles away to college, but the experience at a small liberal arts college just opened up a whole world to me," Stimpert said. "A lot of it was that I had faculty members, professors, staff people at the college who took an interest in me."

One of those faculty members was his senior honors project advisor, who Stimpert remembers encouraged him to become a professor. "At first I said absolutely not, I'm going to go into business," Stimpert said, "and I did, yet she planted that seed." After working with Southern Railway for a few years, Stimpert went back to school to get his MBA from Columbia, before returning the railroad industry. "I tell folks I didn't learn anything at my MBA program because I went back to work another railroad company." At 29, however, Stimpert decided to follow his professor's advice and go into academia, starting his Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois.

"She saw something in me that I didn't see in myself."

Stimpert began teaching mostly MBA and Ph.D. students at Michigan State. It was there that he read a book by Burden Clark called *The Distinctive College,* as recommended to him by a faculty member at Illinois. "The question that the author raises," Stimpert explained, "is why do some liberal arts colleges become more distinctive than others? In the last chapter of the book, he says what makes a college distinctive is it has a saga, which is a powerful story that it tells about itself, and is a story that the faculty carry on from one generation to the other," Stimpert continued. "I told my wife after reading this, 'I've got to get back to a liberal arts college,' and that's when I went to Colorado College."

Stimpert spent seventeen years teaching economics at Colorado College. His 'Rate My Professor' page suggests that it was a successful seventeen years. "Larry is the man," one post reads. "Will absolutely help you out with anything you need, inside or outside of the classroom, and goes above and beyond to help students in their respective career paths."

"Larry is one of the best professors I've had so far in college," says another post. Hearing this praise makes the former professor blush. Stimpert claimed to have never checked the site, until the best man at his wedding teased him about it at a conference.

"He said, well you have a chili pep-

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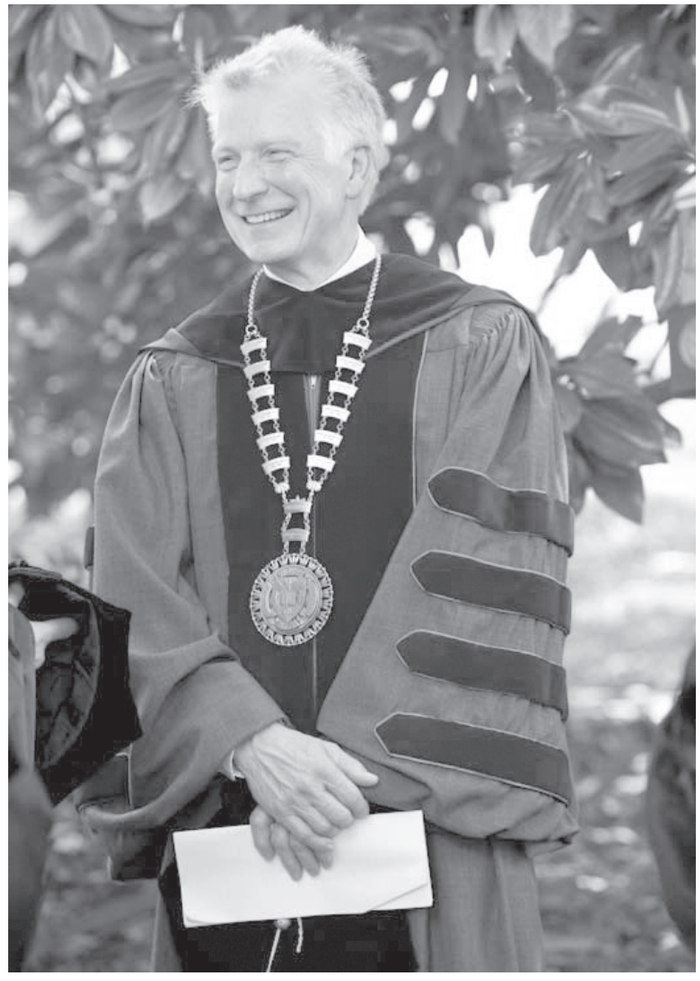

Stimpert was sworn in as the 25th president of Hampden-Sydney College on April 28th. (Photo: hsc.edu)

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Touring the Brown Center

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Guest Contributor

The Brown Student Center has been under construction for the entire academic year. Now, as the semester is coming to an end, the new building is nearing completion, and the interior is being renovated. The building is slated to be open for next school year. In order to find out what was planned for the interior of Brown, I toured it with John Prengaman.

Entering the building required passing through a card reader-enabled door, which Mr. Prengaman says will allow students to unlock the building with their ID cards, which suggest that the building will be accessible to students outside of business hours. I began my tour from the front entrance, which is on the second floor. On the inside immediately towards my left was the Ferguson Career Center. On my right was the Flemming Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. These centers were placed so near the entrance in an effort to make them more readily accessible to all students. The second floor was more focused on student rest and relaxation, as a common space for all students. There are lockers for student club use in this space, as well. This common area, which will house both the Tiger Inn and the Post Office, leads out to the back balcony. Perhaps the most unique feature of the space is the double-sided fireplace. On the other side of the student common area is a two-story fireplace that opens up to the side patio. There are plans to get solar powered umbrellas so that students may enjoy the outdoors while working on their laptops, or maybe just charging their phones. The kitchen for the Tiger Inn is much larger than the one it currently boasts, and the bar and table seating areas will be retained. There didn't appear to be al area for any of the game tables we currently have in the Tiger Inn, which was disappointing, but perhaps the tables will be moved elsewhere. The back patio has three outdoor fireplaces as well as the necessary wiring and seating for live entertainment. On the third floor is the area for the Office of Student Affairs and also a room for student government offices and the Student Court room. There are also some classrooms located in the building, which I felt were out of place in a building designated the Student Center. Overall, the Brown Student Center is shaping up to be a great asset to the student body.

Quick Tips for Finals

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Guest Contributor

With final exams rapidly approaching – the last final exams on the Hill for those soon to graduate – students across campus are, naturally, stressed out. Here are some tips that will help everyone conquer their finals before school lets out.

According to Billie Streufert, director of Student Success at Augustana College in South Dakota, it's best to start studying for final exams early. Go in with an organized plan that breaks the material down into smaller units and allows for short breaks every whenever one's focus begins to strain. Binge-studying is not as effective as a steady, meticulous pace of reviewing the material a little bit every day.

Studying in groups can be effective, but might not be the wisest choice for those prone to distraction. Bortz Library has private desks that block outside visual distractions scattered across every floor; for those looking for a particularly quiet environment, the first floor below the main lobby is a specifically designated quiet study area. In the middle rear of the third floor, Bortz has a couple of stationary bikes for those worried that studying might cut into their time at the gym.

Streufert further suggests reviewing the material aloud, as if you were teaching it to someone else, helps with comprehension and memory. Bortz has a few private rooms where this could be done without disturbing anyone, and many academic buildings are typically open for use, as well. In a pinch, the Wilson Trail offers an outdoor environment to study aloud while getting some fresh air at the same time.

Studying alone, however, does not always result in a good grade on a course's final. It's important to stay healthy: eat right and get enough sleep (especially the night before an exam). The earliest exams offered are at nine in the morning, which gives students plenty of time to wake up and grab a healthy breakfast beforehand. Going into exams free of stress, as hard as that may be for some classes, helps students score better. Streufert suggests listening to calming music to help relieve stress.

Although most students won't follow these guidelines perfectly (in full disclosure, I know I won't), incorporating even a few of these tips will help boost the grade received on a final, make finals a little easier to handle, or both.

EDITORIALS

Three Pieces of Advice, and Farewell

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In my four or so years on this campus, I've been afforded so many opportunities: personal, professional, academic, social, zany, traditional. I've been Editor-in-Chief of our venerable old newspaper; I've been a Head Resident Advisor in a system in flux; I've been accepted as a Fulbright Summer Scholar; I've earned (mostly) high grades and I've won my share of awards. Hampden-Sydney has given me much, and I feel compelled to give back. Because I don't have overflowing coffers or an immense amount of time to donate, I am using one of my strongest skills—the written word—in a final undergraduate effort to improve this place and students' lives. I've collected three main pieces of advice I want to pass along to graduates, to rising sophomores, to prospective students, to faculty, to staff—in short, to anyone who reads this publication.

Number one: Never, ever, ever dismiss new things out of hand. Now, there are some things that people just generally shouldn't do. If you think about an action and say, "If I do this, I'll probably experience some really negative consequences," then you shouldn't act in that way; trying a hard drug or going 120 mph on Five Forks Road are in that category. But for so many situations, this is simply not the case. I recently finished serving as the Vice President of the Washington Model Organization of American States. It was the fourth time I participated in the Model, and I took a flyer when I signed up for the class my freshman year. I've met dozens of incredible people, increased my professional connections, and polished my diplomatic skills. Those sorts of experiences don't come to people who never try new things. Get out of your comfort zone. Try joining a different club. Take a class because it's challenging, not because all your friends are in it or it's an easy B. Go on school-sponsored trips. Write an article for the newspaper. Participate in a one-act play. Apply for summer research or the VPO or an opportunity like the Fulbright Summer Institute. We're incredibly spoiled: a campus this size shouldn't provide nearly as many opportunities as it does. You could continue playing FIFA or watching Netflix, but if you did you'd be missing out on so much.

Number two: Never, ever, ever be afraid to speak out. People, by their very nature, disagree. I usually want mushrooms on my pizza; my girlfriend generally prefers banana peppers. I'm not a religious person; my roommate frequently participates in Young Life and BCM. I'm a socialist; a number of my fellow students are libertarians. The fact that my words might be unpopular hasn't stopped me from maintaining my beliefs and continuing to speak out about them. In our age of social media, we so frequently get lost in an echo chamber and we forget that other people with other perspectives exist. After my freshman year, I spent a month in the U.K. with eight other highly diverse American students. It was my first time meeting a gay black man; it was my first time meeting a female engineering student; it was my first time meeting a woman who I could tell was smarter, more ambitious, and more outgoing than I. My echo chamber was shattered and it took me nearly a year to come to terms with my experiences and to critically analyze and retool my beliefs. In the end, though, that experience was the most transformative of my life, because I was finally exposed to different people with different beliefs than my own. So please, be outspoken. You never know when you're going to be that voice for someone, just as my fellow students were for me.

Number three: Never, ever, ever stop loving. Love is what makes the world go 'round. It doesn't matter who you are: somebody loves you, and you love someone. It might be your parent, it might be a significant other, it might be a sibling or a friend or anyone else. Regardless, love is all around us. And an important part of love is never settling for "good enough." If you love people, you want them to be the best people they can be; if you love an institution, you want it to be the

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The Threat of Modern-Day Factions

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The Federalist Papers were a series of documents written and published by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay that both advocated for the adoption of the Constitution and laid out many of the essential principles with which America is governed. In Federalist 10, which is arguably one of the most important of the Federalist Papers, Madison warned against the dangers of factionalism. Factionalism, which is present in every human society from the Romans to the imaginary Lilliputians of Johnathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels (who warred with their neighbors over the right part of an egg from which to break it), was seen by Madison as the greatest single threat to just and fair government. He believed that "the latent causes of faction are thus sown in the nature of man; and we see them everywhere brought into different degrees of activity." Madison also tried to describe the ways to respond to these factions when they inevitably surface. Throughout the history of the United States, factions have emerged in many forms, from the abolitionists preceding the Civil War to the abstinence movements of the early 20th century. Although Americans like to claim that we have learned from these mistakes to avoid the terrible rends and rifts of civil strife, this is clearly not true. In fact, groups like the anti-fascist (Antifa) movements at the University of California-Berkeley and the recently resurgent "alt-right" are clearly the modern-day continuation of factionalism.

These groups are clearly factions, not because of their passionate beliefs, but because of their attempts to censor and dilute the arguments of their opponents. The strongest argument can be made against the Antifa groups at UC-Berkeley. In these groups, there is a shared sentiment that Trump rallies and free-speech protests are "rallies meant to uplift neo-Nazis and the alt-right," according to anti-Trump protester Emily Rose Marshall. "We wanted to be bodies yelling and screaming in the street, adding to the number of people letting neo-Nazis know they couldn't just show up for racism." The attempts of these groups to censor others does not end here. Unfortunately, many of these rallies and counter-rallies ended in M-80s being thrown by the Antifa protestors into crowds and outbreaks of violence.

The alt-right is not free of guilt in these attempts to censure the rights of others to assemble and protest; for example, in a recent incident, an armed group of Trump supporters assaulted groups of counter-protesters at Berkeley. Many examples of both of these group's violent actions are muddled in confusion and finger-pointing. I have attempted to choose examples that I strongly suspect are true and show the aggressive character of these movements. What is clear is that both are guilty of overzealous and misguided attempts to use force to defend themselves against who they see as enemies of free speech.

The heinousness of these groups' actions is perhaps equaled by their platforms, which both seek to end the freedom of expression by perceived fascists. What is important for Americans to remember is the advice of Madison from Federalist 10 and 51. In these he says that "in a free government the security for civil rights must be the same as that for religious right" (10). "It is of great importance in a republic not only to guard the society against the oppres-

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H-SC's New First Lady

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These past two semesters have seen a presidential transition, as Dr. Larry Stimpert has taken office. This process culminated in his inauguration on April 28th. However, we have not seen very much of the First Lady of Hampden-Sydney. It was my pleasure to sit down and get to know Mrs. Stimpert recently. A thin woman, plainly dressed, with short brown hair and a timid smile, Mrs. Stimpert didn't attempt to put on any airs during our conversation — she was a humble character accompanied her quiet tone as she often directed the subject of my questions away from her.

As the youngest of five kids, (and a twin, the elder of the two) she grew up in the Chicago suburb of Addison. She attended the University of Illinois, where she met her husband in the university library. "I started working circulation at the business school library," she said. "It was the fall semester of my senior year when Larry started his PhD program, so I'd been there a couple years. I could see the regulars, the masters students who were in there, so I got to know the regulars. And in the fall here comes Larry through the doors and he comes smiling and happy like he is walking around campus. So I thought, 'Oh, he looks new, he looks fresh. He's not haggard like the other students who have been here for several years.' They dated for six years, married, and have been together happily since, having just celebrated twenty four years of marriage. In those twenty four years, the couple has done a lot, having moved three times while raising two children, currently a Freshman and Junior at Prince Edward High School.

Having a masters in library science, Mrs. Stimpert has worked as a children's librarian for local libraries at her previous residences in Colorado and Indiana. Recently, she has been volunteering at the Farmville/Prince Edward community library in the children's area. She says that she enjoys volunteering because it allows her to get off campus for a while, although she admits, laughing, that "Somewhere along the road, I'd like something a little more regular — and paid."

As a children's librarian, Mrs. Stimpert says she mostly reads children's literature to keep up with the times, although she has been reading into the history of Prince Edward. "There's just good history here," she says, adding that, "Even in terms of the civil rights movements, and even in terms of people living here, if you're going to live here you need to know what happened here." Mrs. Stimpert is excited to become further involved with the Hampden-Sydney and Farmville communities. "Everyone's been really welcoming," she says, later mentioning that she enjoys going to see games, lectures, and other events on campus. "A big part of being part of the community is being involved and attending all the functions, or as many as you can," she says.

Mrs. Stimpert remarks that she's excited to be at Hampden-Sydney to see the campus grow and evolve. "We're just at the beginning of Larry's journey as a president and coming off of his inauguration weekend, and I'm just really proud to be his partner, and his life partner, and be part of what he's doing here," she says. "I'm just excited to see what happens in terms of plans and his vision." She adds that change will be necessary in her and Dr. Stimpert's tenure at Hampden-Sydney, but it will be positive change. "People don't like the word change," Mrs. Stimpert added, "but for what he's trying to do, change is necessary, and it will be exciting to see. We will see good things happen here, so I'm excited to be along that journey with him."

Tiger Review: *DAMN. by Kendrick Lamar*

★★★★★

"Damn," indeed, is the first thought to enter your mind when you first finish listening to Kendrick Lamar's new album. DAMN. is among the pieces of art that are personal to the point of transcending themselves and becoming something much more universal.

Kendrick Lamar is clearly speaking his mind, freely giving his opinions in freewheeling style. However, rather than being pretentious or self-absorbed, the album is honest and self-reflective. The album has energetic highs, with songs like "DNA." and "HUMBLE." as well as more slowed down and mellow songs, like "PRIDE." and "GOD." Throughout the album, however, the lyrics are always contemplative and revealing.

The use of religious allusions throughout DAMN. provides the album with a sense that, however personal it may be for the artist, it is a discussion of something bigger than himself. Kendrick Lamar leaves the listener with plenty to chew on and think over. While he freely offers his own thoughts, the personal approach to them does not affront the listener or feel "preachy."

DAMN. triumphs as a personal and revealing album. Listening to it once does not do the album or the artist justice as returning to it always reveals new nuances.

-Shelby T. Hanna '20

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per. And I said really? No, I wasn't aware of that. But he made a big deal out of it."

What's the chili pepper for? I asked.

"It's a *hotness* factor," he said. "You know, I've never thought of myself as that way, but my friend was very jealous that I had gotten that score. He assured me it was a good thing."

While some students saw him as a 'hot' professor, Stimpert was concerned with turning Colorado College into what he refers to as a 'hot college.' In 2009, he led a trip of approximately 20-25 faculty, staff and trustees to other small private liberal arts schools in order to learn and implement new ideas.

"He is forward thinking," said Lyrae Williams, who attended the trip with Stimpert. "Some people don't always want to look forward, or they think that good is good enough, and I found that he's a forward thinker, and always sort of questioning is there something we could be doing different, or that could be more efficient."

"We had, I think, terrific results," said Dr. Rebecca Tucker, who also attended the trip. "I was struck with how much we keep up with and actually implemented. I would say the work that Larry led us to do on that group was really super effective and really meaningful for the college."

Building on the distinctiveness of an institution has remained a goal with Stimpert in his first year at H-SC; however, it has not been met without adversity. After longtime Dean of Students David A. Klein '78 abruptly resigned in February, stating that Stimpert "wished to bring in his own dean of students." When students gathered outside of Atkinson Hall to protest, Stimpert stood on a bench and shared with the crowd some advice he had been given by a former history professor who went on to become a college president.

"He said, 'you need to understand you're the only person who will see the whole picture. Everybody else will see a piece of the picture. And I'm going to ask you to trust me that I see the whole picture."

Granting that kind of trust was and has been difficult for a community that has known Stimpert for less than a year, but those close to him are convinced it is trust worth granting.

"He was raised on the farm, and so that's part of what one does as a human," Johnson said. "One cultivates the area around you. and I mean that in a very broad sense. Part of it is about nurturing people, but part of it is actually about tilling the soil and growing the seeds and pulling out the weeds. He's a gardener at heart, so I think it's probably wise to cut him slack, to allow him some play."

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On a hot August afternoon just days before classes commence, President Stimpert emerges from his new home dressed like a man ready to work: bluish gray t-shirt tucked into greenish gray cargo pants, a pair of work gloves in hand. On the agenda is a series of stops at the various service projects as part of new student orientation.

"You're gonna go in *that*?" he asks Tommy Shomo '69, our chauffer for the day. "A monogram dress shirt?"

Stimpert gives me shotgun and hops in the back. "Since we have time to spare, let's go by your house," he tells Shomo as we pull out of the driveway. "What's that ground cover?"

The two talk gardens the entire car ride. They get into it about the problems with English ivy, and Stimpert brings up the scotch broom mentioned in *On This Hil,* Dr. John Brinkley's 800-page history of the College. "It's a mess," Stimpert says of his new garden, explaining how the black-eyed Susans need to be divided, before offering Shomo a job tending to it. "Leslie said if she sees me out in the garden she'll tell the Board."

As we pull up to the first site, Stimpert spots a recycling plant next door. "If we don't get recycling soon at Hampden-Sydney it's gonna be a bad marriage," he tells Shomo. He admits that both he and his wife are still getting used to having people do things for them. "Did you see they're spraying round up?!" he says, imitating one of Mrs. Stimpert's initial reactions to the grounds crew spraying their lawn. "I don't want that!"

While walking around the complex, Stimpert notices a student spraying down a mat. "Be careful," he tells him, "you're handling Agent Orange." He turns to Shomo and me. "All of my best teaching stories are from the 70s and 80s. I brought up Nixon, and I may as well have been talking about Martin Van Buren."

Ready to leave for the next site, Stimpert, Shomo and I head back to the car. I give Stimpert shotgun this time, and he reluctantly accepts. Embracing the A/C and wiping the sweat from his head, he looks out at the students working in the baking sun.

"We don't have to tell them we're getting milkshakes after, right?"

Stimpert talks with students at one of the orientation service project sites. (Photo: Tommy Shomo)

Three Con't.

best it can be. Striving for improvement is a crucial component of love, and love is a crucial component of the world around us, so we should all strive for improvement in our personal lives, our professional lives, our relationships, our organizations. I have an immense amount of love for this place, and that will never change. I have met incredible people, and we have weathered so many storms. Institutions don't survive for hundreds of years for no reason, and there are a whole lot of good things about this place. We need to continue accentuating the positive while always looking for ways to improve upon the negatives.

Hampden-Sydney is a special place, but it can be so much more than special: it can be a wonderful home for thousands of men every year, if we follow these three pieces of advice. It's been an honor to serve the College in such a variety of ways, and I hope that I have improved everyone else's experience in the same way that mine has been influenced. I wish everyone the very best and I can hardly wait to see the wonderful things that our class and our school will accomplish. Much love to you all.

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sion of its rulers, but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part. Different interests necessarily exist in different classes of citizens. If a majority be united by a common interest, the rights of the minority will be insecure" (51). Madison's ideas have not lost their meaning over the years; rather, we must constantly remind ourselves that the risk of factionalism is timeless and constant, and the threat that it poses to the natural rights of man grows daily.

The Great Graham Bathroom Mystery

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It was a dark and cold Tuesday morning, until I put on a coat and removed my sunglasses, anyway. It was an average Tuesday morning. I went to check my mail. I passed the usual suspects. I chatted up Miss Fenton in the post office. We were just shootin' the breeze. Since I left the force, the breeze is all I'm allowed to shoot, legally that is. After a pleasant enough chat, I checked my mail. The first thing I noticed was the silence. It was quiet — too quiet. I opened my mailbox, expecting the worst, but as the lock disengaged and the hatch opened I was greeted with an old friend. Nothing. I didn't have any mail that day. I never get mail anymore.

The only solace I could find from the infinite nothingness of my P.O. box was in that sweet, sweet nectar of the gods. I turned to the same drink I always have: Dr. Pepper. Neat. Turns out the good doctor was a urologist that day, as I soon I was in desperate need of the facilities. I rushed to the bathroom with utmost and deliberate speed. I slammed open the door — it was no time to be modest — and entered. What I saw that day would change my life. I asked myself the following question:

Why is there a chair in the post office men's restroom? There, I said it. You heard it. This question has been torturing me, and its answer is endlessly escaping my grasp. No one seems to know why it is there. I have asked faculty, students, people much wiser than I; and yet, no one has a clue. Is it for some weird toilet meeting? Backpack storage? It's a mystery. It's a mystery that deserves an explanation. It could be an innocent tradition; or, it could be a conspiracy most foul. I am inclined arbitrarily to believe the later; Nevertheless, I opened an investigation.

Have you ever been so alone that your only company is your thoughts? Let me tell you, I've got some wild and twisted company. Everyone told me to give up the case.

"There's no answer," my bum of a roommate told me. He's just bitter. Word spreads quickly on the Hill. I feared for the integrity of my investigation. The Hill was quiet. Too quiet. I was close, and the administration knew this. Stimpert was stonewalling me. I asked for comment in passing and he told me this:

"I don't know. Maybe it's one of those Hampden-Sydney traditions. Tell me when you find out."

I knew he would never answer me truthfully, not in his first term. If I blew the lid off this case, it would weaken his administration. I was not only met with silence, but actively opposed. They didn't want me to find the truth. But I was close; I knew I was close.

What do you do when the whole world wants to keep you in darkness? You buy a flashlight. But I didn't have any money. I was just a college student. I could steal a flashlight, hypothetically, but we all know what would happen then. The system was against me, and any toe out of line would give them cause to kill my investigation. I couldn't let that happen. And so I waited, hoped, for a spark to come to me, fueling the fire of my curiosity, putting a fire under my ass, and engulfing my search in the fiery maelstrom of truth. If I were going to go out, I was going to go out in the blazing glory of Truth.

My patience was rewarded.

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Baseball Reaches ODAC Tournament, loses to Roanoke

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Sports Editor

The increasing temperatures and seemingly endless rain could only mean that spring is making way for summer in Southside Virginia. This also means that the weather is optimal for baseball ¬¬– and the Hampden-Sydney baseball team has finally made it to the postseason after enduring the elements and a rough stretch to seal the regular season. The Tigers were on the road for the last part of April for games against Randolph-Macon and Virginia Wesleyan, returning home for the Senior Day game against Guilford. [Editor's note: the previous baseball article neglected to include the result from the April 19th game against Randolph-Macon. This article will begin with that game.]

On April 19th, H-SC travelled to Ashland for the second game against Randolph-Macon. Unfortunately, R-MC was too powerful from the beginning, and they handed H-SC a 13-5 loss. The Yellow Jackets put six runs on the board in the bottom of the 1st inning, and they ran away with the game. Juniors Cody Smith and Brian Goodwyn were both 2-4 on the day as Smith had a double and Goodwyn knocked a run in to support the Tigers' offense. Sophomore Jimmy Butler started on the mound for H-SC, but couldn't get out of the 1st inning thanks to the R-MC bats. He ended the day with the loss after giving up six earned runs, one walk, and tricking one Yellow Jacket into whiffing on his pitches.

On April 27th, the Tigers visited Hampton Roads for their game against the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins. The game turned into a pitcher's duel as neither team could muster any substantial amount of offense. However, in the bottom of the 4th, the Marlins scored two runs -the only runs of the day, giving them a 2-0 victory. Luckily for H-SC, the bats were not silent thanks to sophomore Jayson Maitland and freshman Andrew Kasiski, who tallied the only Tiger hits. Jimmy Butler worked through 5 solid innings, even though he gave up the two runs on six hits, but he did manage to strike out three Marlins.

Just two days later, after not being able to salvage the game against Greensboro College, H-SC returned to the Hill for Senior Day against the Guilford Quakers. Temperatures were flirting with the 90s as the teams met for a season-ending doubleheader. A tournament berth was on the line for H-SC if they could push past the Quakers. In game one, the Tigers did everything they needed to punch their tournament ticket, winning 6-3. H-SC opened up its scoring in the bottom of the 5th with 3 runs, and the team followed that up with 3 more runs over the next two innings. Guilford mounted a late-game rally in the 9th inning, but H-SC shut them down. Sophomore Jacob Fontana went 2-4 and drove in two runs while Jayson Maitland went 2-3 with an RBI, and Andrew Kasiski, Matthew Spagnolo, and Joey Sutphin all drove in a run to contribute to the run production. Junior Zach Perkins dominated on the mound, allowing only 10 hits and an earned run and forcing 6 strikeouts.

In game two, the seniors were honored for their contributions to the team over the last 4 years. Joey Sutphin, Ryan Peevey, and Matthew Metheny all got the starting nods for the final game of the regular season. Unfortunately, the early stages of the game belonged to Guilford.

The Quakers drove in 3 runs by the top of the 3rd, which was enough to force H-SC to hand the pitching duties off from one senior to another: to Michael Flanagan. Flanagan carried the Tigers through 3 scoreless innings. However, the Quakers returned to score in the 7th and 8th innings, adding 5 additional runs. The Tigers had some momentum and had a mini-rally of their own in the bottom of the 9th, but their 3 runs were not enough as Guilford took the game 8-5. Peevey managed to draw a walk, and he came home on a Lane Winsett single in the bottom of the 5th. The H-SC rally came in the form of a Jacob Bartlett RBI single, a Shane Arceo RBI reach on an error, and a Cory Allgood sacrifice fly.

After months of weather delays and cancellations, H-SC baseball reached the ODAC tournament, hoping to best last year's second-place trophy. Thanks to their 10-10 conference record this year, the Tigers held the #5 seed, putting them against the Washington & Lee Generals for May 5th's second game in Lynchburg. Unfortunately, W&L took the victory 7-2. The Tigers had a shot at an 8th inning rally, but W&L drove in two runs in the bottom of the inning to seal the game.

On May 6th, the Tigers faced Roanoke in an elimination game. Unfortunately, the Maroons played the better game, eliminating the Tigers with a 4-2 victory. Brian Goodwyn made a 4th inning homerun, bringing the comeback within reach. However, the offense at the plate was absent for H-SC, and they ultimately bowed out of the tournament.

Four student-athletes were named to the All-ODAC team: freshman Jonathan Triesler, sophomore Jayson Maitland, and juniors Zach Perkins and Devin Daugherty were named to the second and third teams of the conference's honor roll.

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A Buildings and Grounds employee who wishes to remain anonymous, for his own safety, dropped this note in my inbox:

BELL TOWER--MIDNIGHT

I was certainly wary of a trap. But the chance of this being the break in the case I needed was too great. I put on my best beige trench coat, hat, and sunglasses combo, and warily ventured to what could either be my doom or my salvation. By the time I reached the bell tower it was raining, hard. The rain fell down around me as I looked upon the figure standing in the tower. We were surrounded a raging tempest of doubt, uncertainty, and rain. The bell tower was an island. It was a metaphor. It was Truth. Or so I thought.

Suddenly, there was a crack of lightning, a boom of thunder, and another sound that I knew all too well. It was the sound of a gunshot. The man who stood in the bell tower as a symbol of truth and closure lay dead at my feet. I cradled him in my arms as he whispered in my ear:

"The real reason for the bathroom chair is..." Those were the last words he would ever say. His death breathed new life into the case and I vowed to continue the investigation until I found the truth, or died trying. Wait, no, nevermind. I don't want to die. Let's all just agree that the chair is for sex, alright?

Lacrosse Finishes 13-5 on Regular Season, Claims ODAC Title against Lynchburg

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The Hampden-Sydney Tigers had to win out against Bridgewater and Virginia Wesleyan to ensure their 4th place finish in the ODAC and home-field advantage for the ODAC Tournament Quarterfinals. On Senior Day the Tigers defeated Bridgewater 15-9 and then closed out the regular season by trouncing Virginia Wesleyan 17-8. This only built momentum towards the ODAC Quarterfinals when the Hornets of Shenandoah University came to Everett Stadium. The opening of the quest for an ODAC Tournament Championship was a decisive Hampden-Sydney victory, and all of the momentum is on the side of the Tigers, who currently sit at 13-5.

This most recent winning streak could not have come at a better time, and the run began on April 22nd against Bridgewater. Following scheduling changes due to threatening storms and darkness the Tigers had to take to the turf of Hellmuth-Gibson Field, but this did not slow them down. The 1st quarter was a back and forth battle that was evenly matched until Chandler Shaheen put the Tigers ahead for the remainder of the quarter. Despite Bridgewater holding a lead almost halfway through the 2nd quarter, the Tiger comeback was on and goals from Hunter Brown and Jake Hargrove brought the score to even once again. These would be the first two of eight consecutive Tiger goals from the sticks of Jack Doetzer, Duncan Morris, Connor Pool, Ian Levin, Hunter Brown, and Robbie Bugbee. Even though Bridgewater began to close the gap once again, goals from Morris, Levin, Shaheen, and Brown would cement the final score of 15-9 in the favor of Hampden-Sydney. Jared Arntzen dominated the faceoff circle once again winning 22 of 24 attempts. While Ian Levin and Hunter Brown continued their career seasons with 5 points and 4 points respectively. Jack Doetzer added three points as did Duncan Morris, and Chandler Shaheen netted two goals of his own. Hampden-Sydney dominated the face-off circle, the number of ground balls won, and total shots on goal.

For their regular season finale, the Tigers played at Virginia Wesleyan on April 26th in Virginia Beach. Despite a slow start to the game, the Tigers still held a 2-1 lead at the end of the 1st quarter thanks to Ian Levin's and Hunter Brown's goals. Hampden-Sydney woke up in the 2nd quarter as the Tigers extended the lead to 8-3 at halftime. Goals from Jared Arntzen, Hunter Brown, Ian Levin, and Connor Pool helped propel the Tigers to this point. In the 3rd quarter the Tigers picked up exactly where they left off and pushed the lead to 10 at the beginning of the 4th quarter. One last rally from Virginia Wesleyan showed some life, but goals from Levin, Davis Horbal, and Tre Williams slammed the door bringing the Hampden-Sydney total to 17 points. Highlights of the game included Hunter Brown's six points, Ian Levin's five points, Connor Pool's four points, and Chandler Shaheen's three points. Jared Arntzen continued his domination of the faceoff circle by winning 16 of 18 face-offs while picking up 14 ground balls. Similar to the game against Bridgewater, the Tigers dominated in total ground balls, the face-off circle, and in shots on goal.

At the end of the regular season confidence was at a high for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers. The energy and high stakes of postseason play along with the momentum from the regular season was all that it took to propel the Tigers to a 18-4 victory. The outcome of this game was hardly ever in question as Shenandoah was held to 1 goal in the 1st half, while Hampden-Sydney held a 11-1 lead at halftime. Hampden-Sydney would tack on 7 2nd half goals to bring their goals for the day to 18. Duncan Morris notched 5 points, 4 of which came from goals. Chandler Shaheen scored twice, and the faceoff circle was once again dominated by Jared Arntzen and Wilson Booth. In almost all major statistical categories Hampden-Sydney dominated the game, but the accomplishments of two players reign as individual highlights for the day. Hunter Brown notched six points and broke the ODAC record for single-season midfielder points. Brown and Ian Levin became the third and fourth members of an elite club to score 70 points in a single season at Hampden-Sydney College.

Hampden-Sydney took on Washington & Lee on May 5th in the ODAC Semifinals. The Generals of Washington & Lee took the victory earlier in the season when the two teams met at Hampden-Sydney, but this playoff battle belonged to the Tigers. A 19-10 victory propelled H-SC to the ODAC Finals to face off against the Lynchburg College Hornets on May 6th. The Hornets took the regular season tilt, but the Tigers continued to play well, winning against Lynchburg 14-9. This gave H-SC its first ODAC title since 2001, and the team automatic entry into the NCAA DIII Tournament.

Seniors Jake Hargrove and Duncan Morris spoke about their experience playing lacrosse. Hargrove talked about his changing role throughout the years and his greatest personal successes on the field. "The secret to doing well in anything, is simply enjoying what you're doing. Everything else will work itself out; you just have to be ready and waiting when it finally does." Duncan Morris talked with me about the camaraderie he has experienced while being a part of the lacrosse team at Hampden-Sydney, saying, "being on a tight knit team has helped my teammates and I reach our goals on and off the field." This team first mentality has served the players well. The Class of 2017 has experienced great success on the field, but the experiences and camaraderie they have spoke so affectionately about throughout the season will be something that will last as long as they live.

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